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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 January 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 January 2002 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-24 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. **Claims 1-9, 11-19 and 21-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pata et al., US Patent no. 6,418,492.**

4. In re claim 1, Pata et al. shows a method comprising:

accessing a configuration space [122B, fig 6A] on a platform integrated component [122A, fig 6A];

detecting a component external [154, fig 2] said platform, said component intended to operate with said integrated component;

comparing component with an identifier [col 12, lines 37-41] for said integrated component; and

if said identifiers match, writing information into the configuration spaces of the integrated [122B, fig 6A; col 12, lines 34-41] and external components [154, fig 2; col 12, lines 34-41].

5. In re claim 2, Pata et al. shows accessing said external component through a bus [124, fig 2].

6. In re claim 3, Pata et al. shows accessing a configuration space [122B, fig 6A] includes accessing a configuration space [122B] on a controller [122A].

7. In re claim 4, Pata et al. shows detecting a component external [154] to said platform from said controller [122A].

8. In re claim 5, Pata et al. shows accessing a configuration space on said component external to said platform [fig 6B].

9. In re claim 6, Pata et al. shows accessing a global unique identifier [Device ID, Vendor ID, fig 6A] from said configuration space on said platform integrated component.

10. In re claim 7, Pata et al. shows accessing a global unique identifier [654, 652, fig 6B] from said configuration space on said component external to said platform.

11. In re claim 8, Pata et al. shows implementing a capability requiring two functions, one [col 12, lines 25-52] of said functions implemented by said platform integrated component and the other of said functions [col 12, line 55 to col 13, line 67] implemented by said component external said platform.

12. In re claim 9, Pata et al. shows writing information includes writing information necessary for the platform integrated component communicate with said component external to said platform [976, fig 9B].

13. Claims 11-19 and 21-27 are rejected under the same rationale as discussed above in claims 1-9.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

14. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

15. **Claims 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pata et al., US Patent no. 6,393,500, as applied to claims 1-9 and 11-19 above.**

16. In re claims 10 and 20, Pata et al. shows providing a first function [col 12, lines 25-52] through said platform integrated component and providing a second function [col 12, line 55 to col 13, line 67] through said component external to said platform.

However, Pata et al. does not show and utilizing said functions to implement a wireless network capability. Official Notice is taken that both the concept and the advantages of providing for a wireless network capability are old and well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to the ordinary skilled person in the art at the time the invention was made to include the wireless network capability for user friendly and more flexible device by allowing it to operate in multiple configurations.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Further references of interest are cited on Form PLO-892, which is attachment to this office action.

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Direct any inquiries concerning drawing review to the Drawing Review Branch (703) 305-8404.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harold Kim whose telephone number is 703-305-1948. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6AM-4PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin can be reached on 703-308-3301. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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